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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 24, 2000 (the "Office Action") issued in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants submit the following:

REMARKS

Despite an earlier restriction and election in this case, in the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the claims of the subject application were directed to the following patentably distinct species: